



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of ) Confirmation No.: 3146  
Keiichi TAKANASHI et al ) Examiner: Robert M. Kunemund  
Serial No. 10/822,662 ) Group Art Unit: 1722  
Filed: April 13, 2004 )  
For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR )  
MEASURING POSITION OF )  
LIQUID SURFACE OF MELT IN )  
SINGLE-CRYSTAL-GROWING )  
APPARATUS )

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 20, 2006

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 20, 2006, please amend the captioned application as follows: